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INTERNET EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Internet exchanges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of exchanges initially planned, State- wise/Union territory-wise; and

(d) the total cost likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Department of Information Technology (DIT) along with Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI) have set up 4 Internet Exchanges in the country under the name `National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI):.

(b): The 4 Exchanges set up are at the following places:-

(i) Delhi (Noida)

(ii) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

(iii) Mumbai, Maharashtra

(iv) Kolkata, West Bengal

37 Internet Service Providers have joined these exchanges.

(c) and (d): Initially 4 Exchanges were planned at the regional locations mentioned in (b) above for which a grant-in-aid of Rs.424.35 lakhs was provided to NIXI.